

# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh



## Mass Times

### St Patrick's Cathedral

Monday - Saturday: 10am  
Sunday Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm

### St Malachy's Church

Tues - Fri: 8am  
Mon, Wed & Fri: 7:30pm  
Tues & Thurs: Prayer Service - 7:30pm  
Sundays: 8am & 9.30am

### Church of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday: 7:30pm

### St Colmcille's Church

Sunday: 10am

**Confessions** in St Malachy's Church on Saturdays @ 12 noon.

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**Baptisms & Weddings** - to book your baptism or wedding, please contact the Parish Office.

## Dear Friends,

Miracles do happen - today's Gospel reminds us that faith is all we need to receive God's healing - Jesus speaks to us all when he says "of course I want to". The healings in the Gospel can sometimes draw us into a commercial mindset - thinking that the healing is the central message, however the healing that Jesus performed was merely to show who he was - in order that we would build our relationship with him.

Today is 'World Day of the Sick', a day when we are conscious of the many people who carry the cross of suffering and pain. We think of the many people who travel to Lourdes on this feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and we ask God to touch their hearts with his love and healing. We are always mindful however that God has a plan - even in the suffering and pain of life God is still close to us and it is truly at the moment we come face to face with God that we will understand our sufferings on this earth.

I believe we all have experienced little miracles in our lives - today let us look back at those moments and thank God for the times we couldn't have gotten through a situation without his presence - for the times we felt his intervention 'miraculously' in a situation we thought to be impossible. Think about it! The second reading today gives us a worthy instruction as we begin to think about our lenten observances when er read "whatever you do, do it for the glory of God" Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!

*Fr Barry Matthews Adm.*

**Anniversaries & Month's Mind Masses** should be left in the Parish Office no later than 12noon on the Thursday of the week before the anniversary is due to be remembered, this includes Saturday Anniversaries. Anniversaries are read out at all Masses on weekday and one Sunday Mass. Months Minds will be remembered at the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday following the Months Mind. We request that you leave your anniversary in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

**Visitation** Anyone wishing to receive a visit from a Priest or have a house blessing are invited to leave their name, address, postcode and phone number in the Parish Office. Anyone who is aware of a family member, friend or neighbour who is housebound are invited to let the Parish Office know to ensure those most in need are attended to. Family Members are reminded to ensure that their loved ones in Hospital are seen by the Hospital Chaplain on duty and that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

**St Patrick's Cathedral Gift Shop** The Cathedral Gift Shop is open each day from 10.30am - 1.30pm and it stocks a wide variety of cards and gifts for special occasions, including traditional Irish crafts and gifts and souvenir booklets on the Cathedral.

**St Patrick's Prayer Guild Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards** Our new range of Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards are now available in the Cathedral Shop and in the Sacristy of St Malachy's Church after Masses. The 10am Mass each Saturday in the Cathedral is dedicated to St Patrick's intercession and the intentions for these Mass Cards/Bouquets will all be included in this weekly Mass.

## Weekly Collection

£5480 & €189.45

## Irish Bishop's Conference

£1800 & €30

## RECENTLY DECEASED

*We pray for:* Margaret Fagan, Mary Frances Fletcher, Jean McGarvey, Brian McCourt, Jonathan Knipe, Michael Carson, Frank Delaney, Raymond Leonard, John Raftery, Fr. Tommy McNulty and Liam Boylan.



**Parish Pastoral Council** We thank all the members of our Parish Pastoral Council for their wonderful work and generous service in many aspects of our Parish. Our PPC meet monthly and discuss aspects of pastoral outreach in our parish and plan how our parish can make a real difference in our community. We are sad to announce the retirement of our Chairperson Ms Maura Kelly who has resigned the position. We thank Maura for her generous service and valued input over the years and we ask God's blessing on Maura as she moves to her new home in Tyrone. We know however that Armagh has a big part to play in Maura's life and look forward to seeing her return regularly. We congratulate our incoming Chairperson Mrs Kathy Donnelly and Deputy Chairperson Mrs Grainne Perry and ask God's continued blessing on the work of our PPC. Anyone interested in joining our PPC, please leave your name in the Parish Office.

**The Friends of St Patrick's Cathedral Fundraising Campaign** continues. If you can help, please contact Fr Barry or Caroline in the Parish Office.

**Temperance Sunday** Today is Temperance Sunday. We thank God for the generosity of our pioneers who refrain from Alcohol as a prayer for those who are addicted. Fr Barry will celebrate Mass with the Pioneer Association in St John the Baptist Church, Moy at 3pm today to mark the 125th Anniversary of the formation of the Pioneer Association. All are welcome.

**Safeguarding** Today is Safeguarding Sunday. We thank our Parish Safeguarding team for their exceptional work in ensuring that the Diocesan Policies and Procedures are fully adhered to.

**Annual Day of Prayer for Atonement** takes place this Friday. It is a day of prayer for healing for anyone who suffered at the hands of the Church or its ministers. A special prayer will be read at all Masses on Friday.

**Parking on Parish Grounds** We ask parishioners and visitors to exercise care while coming and going and when parking. We ask that care is taken to avoid parking in areas designated for disabled persons and use only marked car parking spaces. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Peace Candle** At the beginning of the year we placed a Peace Candle in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St. Patrick's Cathedral. The candle burns perpetually for peace in our world. We encourage you to visit the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and offer a prayer for peace during these troubled times.

**Adoration** Please consider spending an hour with the Lord each week. Our Eucharistic Adoration takes place each day in St Malachy's Church from after Mass (8:30am weekdays) until evening (7pm weekdays - 5pm weekend). Please sign the attendance sheet in the Church and encourage family and friends to engage with this special apostolate. We especially need adorers for the morning hours 9am to 11am.

**St Patrick's Festival Concert** Tickets for Phil Coulter's St Patrick's Festival Concert, which takes place in the Cathedral on Mothers Day (10th March), are now available in the Cathedral Gift Shop and also online at ticketsource.co.uk by scanning this QR Code. This promises to be a wonderful moment here in the Cathedral.



## Prayer for Vocations

O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

**Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** takes place this year from the 12th to 17th May. The fare is €895 per person sharing (single Room Supplement €190 & Travel Insurance of €39 extra) For bookings contact Ann Gray - 07736415305.

## Ash Wednesday Mass Times

St Malachy's Church - 7am, 1pm & 7:30pm  
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran - 9am  
St Patrick's Cathedral - 8am & 10am  
St Colmcille's Church, Knockaconey - 7:30pm

## Lenten Programme 2024

### Mass Times (Monday to Friday beginning Ash Wednesday)

St Malachy's Church - 7am & 7:30pm (Tuesday - Journey with the Spirit & Thursday - Prayer Service)  
St Patrick's Cathedral - 8am & 10am

**Tuesday's** - Armagh Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to Journey with the Holy Spirit (see below)

**Wednesday's** - Lectio Divina at 3pm in St Vincent de Paul Centre, Chapel Lane.  
Stations of the Cross led by the Legion of Mary at 7pm in St. Malachy's Church (before Mass)

**Friday's** - Devotions- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Stations of Cross at 3pm in St Patrick's Cathedral

Lent is a special time of preparation and as a community we have many opportunities to journey together in prayer. All are welcome to join.

## Lenten Journey with the Holy Spirit

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group invite you to St Malachy's Church on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm for the Life in the Spirit Seminars. All welcome!

13th Feb - "God's Love" with Fr Luke Oheimi  
20th Feb - "Salvation" with Bishop Michael Router  
27th Feb - "The New Life" with Archbishop Eamon Martin  
5th March - "Receiving God's Gifts" with Mary Brennan  
12th March - "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" with Fr Gerry Campbell  
19th March - "Growth" with Teresa Lappin  
26th March - "Transformation in Christ" with Deacon Pat Butterly

**Youth Parish Pastoral Council** Any young adult aged between 18 and 28 who would be interested in joining a new initiative aimed at encouraging youth participation are asked to contact Fr Barry or leave their name in the parish office. As a parish we aim to engage more fully with our young parishioners and feel that they themselves need to lead the process. We intend to establish a Youth Pastoral Council where they will propose and deliver a programme to their peers.

## First Confessions 2024

28th February - St Malachy's 6pm - Saints and Scholars P.S.  
4th March - St Malachy's 6pm - St Malachy's P.S.  
5th March - St Malachy's 6pm - Mt St Catherines P.S.  
5th March Tullysaran 6pm - Our Lady's P.S.  
6th March St Patrick's Cathedral 6pm - St Patrick's P.S.  
7th March St Malachy's 6pm - Christian Brothers P.S.

**H.U.G.** Our recent Table Quiz held in Devlin's Bar raised an amazing £1,250 for H.U.G. which supports educational and health projects in Uganda & Kenya. Sr Carmel Flynn RSCJ will be travelling to distribute the money raise among the various projects. Thanks to everyone who donated, attended the quiz and thank you to the businesses who sponsored prizes.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** welcome new members to our weekly meetings. RCIA is for people who have not been Baptised or have not received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. We also welcome Catholics who have been away from the Church and wish to learn about their Faith. We meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in St Catherine's Irish Secondary School. For more information: 07856 172206

**An Port Mór for Gaza** Coffee Morning Sun 11th Feb from 9.30am in Parochial Hall, Blackwatertown. All proceeds to Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP).